

Sec. 10. If any provision of this Act is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

Sec. 11. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. This Act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of June, 1965.

H. B. 1031

CHAPTER 1046

AN ACT TO AMEND ARTICLE 50 OF CHAPTER 106 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA RELATING TO REFERENDUMS HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEVYING ASSESSMENTS TO PROMOTE THE USE AND SALE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. G. S. 106-564, as the same appears in the General Statutes of North Carolina, is hereby amended by deleting the words "three years" immediately following the word "the" and immediately preceding the word "set" in line 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the words "number of years".

Sec. 2. G. S. 106-566, as the same appears in the General Statutes of North Carolina, is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 106-566. Referendum as to Continuance of Assessments Approved at Prior Referendum. In the event the first such referendum or any subsequent referendum is carried by the votes of two-thirds or more of the eligible farmers participating therein and assessments in pursuance thereof are levied annually for the period set forth in the call for such referendum, then the agency conducting such referendum shall in its discretion have full power and authority to call and conduct during the third year of such first period or the last year of any subsequent period another referendum in which the farmers and producers of such agricultural commodity shall vote upon the question of whether or not such assessments shall be continued for the next ensuing three years or continued for the next ensuing six years."

Sec. 3. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of June, 1965.